

Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election shows clearly the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But so far they have been able to ignore that law with impunity.

When large companies like Sinclair control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for democracy. Instead of productions from some far away "News Central," it's more important that we see people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to restrengthen media ownership rules, not continue weakening them. They also show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.